



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

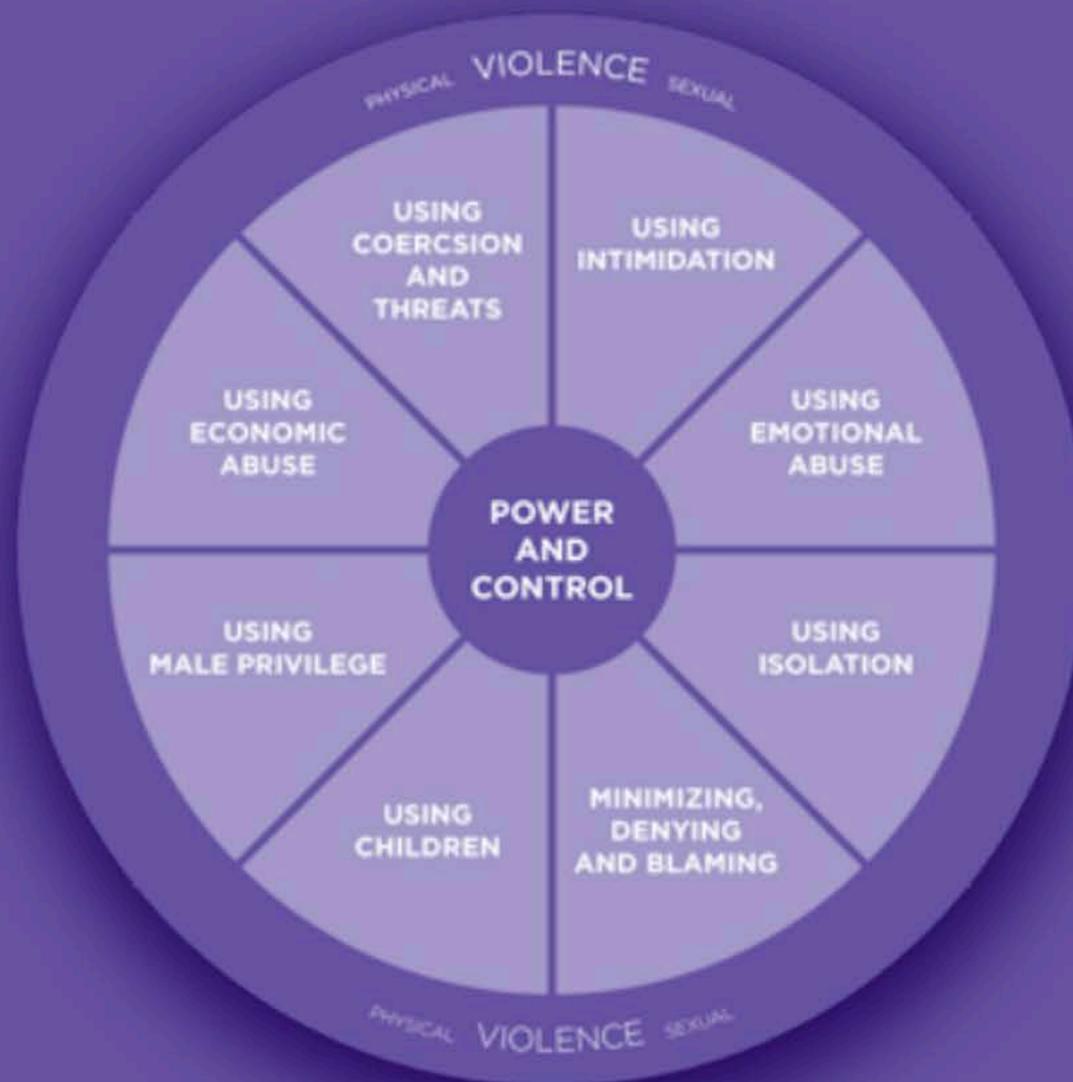
IT SHOULD NOT HURT TO GO HOME

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship.

It includes physical violence, sexual violence, psychological violence, and emotional abuse.

Anyone can be a victim of domestic violence.



Your Rights as a Victim:

The right to refuse to be interviewed by the accused or a representative of the accused

The right to review and comment upon the pre-sentence report prior to imposition of sentencing

The right to seek restitution

The right to reasonably prompt conclusion to the case

The right to be present and heard during all critical stages of pre-conviction and post-conviction proceedings

The right to be informed upon the release from custody or the escape of the accused or the offender

The right to confer with the prosecution prior to the final disposition of the case

As a victim or designated family member of a victim, you may have the right of notification of certain proceedings in the criminal justice system that may affect you. For this notification, you must file a Victim Notice and Registration Form with the arresting law enforcement agency, the clerk of court, or the prosecuting agency that has jurisdiction over the case. By registering as a crime victim, you are also entitled to give a Victim Impact Statement.

For you to have these statutory rights, the defendant must be charged with any homicide, any felony crime of violence, any sex offense, any attempted sex offense, any human-trafficking-related offense, any attempted human-trafficking-related offense, vehicular negligent injuring, first degree vehicular negligent injuring, or any offense committed against a family member, household member, or dating partner.

Warning Signs...

Some signs of an abusive relationship can include:

Jealousy
Isolation
Quick involvement
Controlling behavior
Unrealistic Expectations
Blames others for problems

Past battering
Hypersensitivity
Threats of violence
Blames others for feelings
Any force during argument
Cruelty to animals or children



Not all abuse involves physical violence or threat; emotional abuse can also leave deep and lasting scars.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence you can get help. No one deserves to be abused.

LOCAL RESOURCES!

Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

www.lcadv.org
888-411-1333

Louisiana Attorney General's Office

www.BreakTheSilenceLA.com
225-326-6079

Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault

www.lafasa.org
888-995-7273

Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement & Administration of Criminal Justice

www.lcle.state.la.us
225-342-1500

Louisiana Automated Victim Notification System

www.lcle.state.la.us/programs/lavns.asp
866-528-6748

Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations

www.lcle.state.la.us/programs/cvr.asp
888-684-2846

Louisiana Address Confidentiality Program

www.sos.la.gov/OurOffice/AddressConfidentialityProgram/Pages/default.aspx
800-825-3805

CALL 911 FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE



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